Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-46.

<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

(Original) An input stage for providing an output signal having a logic

value based on the voltage of an input signal, the input stage comprising:

an input buffer having an input terminal to which the input signal is applied, an

output terminal at which the output signal is provided, and a reference terminal to which a

reference voltage signal is applied, the input buffer generating an output signal having a logic

value based on the voltage of the input signal relative to the voltage of the reference voltage

signal; and

a voltage generator having an output terminal coupled to the reference terminal

and further having a control terminal coupled to the output of the input buffer, the voltage

generator generating as the reference voltage signal an output signal having a voltage

dependence on the logic value of the output signal of the input buffer.

2-46. (Cancelled)

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